

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 250

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the New Market Volunteer Fire Department for their heroism in responding to a vehicle accident.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue this time-honored tradition of public service as firefighters, facing the rigors of corporal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the New Market Volunteer Fire Department (NMVFD) is one such outstanding group of public servants, who rescued a driver from an accident on February 18, 2015, thereby saving the person's life; and

WHEREAS, on that day, eight members of the NMVFD reverted to their training and responded to a single-vehicle rollover accident but, due to treacherous weather conditions, were unable to drive to the location. The eight firefighters proceeded on foot to the accident scene, extricated the driver, and carried the person approximately one-fourth of a mile to the closest ambulance, which also became stuck on the snow-covered highway; and

WHEREAS, despite the danger, the firefighters responded calmly and efficiently in accordance with their training, and they assisted the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) crew in carrying the patient to the next staged EMS unit; and

WHEREAS, the eight firefighters of the New Market Volunteer Fire Department who demonstrated great bravery and ability are Chief Frank Solomon, Assistant Chief Maurice Solomon, Lieutenant Adam Pittman, and firefighters Bob Leatherwood, Ian Slagle, Justin Cook, Justin Chambers, and James Klaserner; and



WHEREAS, they were honored by NMVFD Captain and County Commissioner Sammy Solomon, and each received an antique pocket watch and a proclamation recognizing their service; and

WHEREAS, the firefighters performed their duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism, and their service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the New Market Volunteer Fire Department for their heroism in rescuing a driver from a single-vehicle accident on February 18, 2015. We recognize them as paragons of virtue, efficiency, and professionalism and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.